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REBEL EVACUATION OF CHATTANOOGA.—It will be learned by many with surprise that the rebels, after devoting so much time and labor and money to rendering more powerful the naturally very powerful position of Chattanooga, abandoned it day before yesterday, in front of our armies, and moved South upon the Western and Atlantic railroad. The previous evacuation of Fulham's great discouraged and demoralized the Confederate forces, and this last retreat, the greatest and most inglorious of all, may we should think, consummate the work of discouragement and demoralization. Surely so formidable a stronghold as Chattanooga, garrisoned by an army of fifty thousand men as Chattanooga is said to have been, was never before surrendered, so ignominiously. No explanation can avail or mitigate the base act of the Confederate arms. We are pleased to learn that the rebels indeed fled the fact was discovered that the rebel army became too deeply disengaged toward the rebel Government to be willing to fight for any longer.

It is stated, that, yesterday, rank and vigorous pursuit of the retreating rebel forces were suspended. We are of course impatient to learn what prisoners, artillery, small arms, munitions, provisions, &c., have been captured at Chattanooga and in the pursuit; whether the rebels have yet made a stand, and if they have, at what point. Perhaps they have taken their position at Atlanta, which is known to have been for a long time fortified. But Atlanta is by no means so strong as Chattanooga; hence, if Bragg could not make a successful resistance at the former, he can scarcely hope to do so at the latter. It seems not improbable that his plan is to get his troops or as many of them as possible into Virginia for a junction with Gen. Lee, although he cannot go there except by a long, circuitous, and most tedious route, inasmuch as the Tennessee and Virginia Railroad is in our hands. The rebel policy, if any such thing as policy is left in that quarter, will soon be evident.

In the mean while, it is joy to know that the possession of Chattanooga, Knoxville, etc., paralyzes the Southern Confederacy at its very heart and throughout all its central organs of vitality. While we hold the great Tennessee and Virginia railroad and the great Western and Atlantic railroad, Chattanooga being in fact the focal point of the great Southern system of railroads, there can be no vital communication between the different portions of the Confederacy. First Arkansas and Texas were cloven off from the Confederacy by the capture of the navigation of the Mississippi throughout its entire extent, and now what was left is cloven asunder. The whole of Tennessee and a large portion of Georgia and Alabama are at any rate ours, and if Atlanta shall be captured either by battle or through the flight of the rebel forces to Virginia, the whole of the Cotton States will probably fall into our hands, without resistance, and Virginia will hardly be able to hold out for any length of time.

It may be that the last desperate hope of the rebels is to concentrate their entire power in Virginia, as soon as possible and again cross the Potomac and strike for the redemption of the fortunes of their government. This perhaps is the hope, but we do not fear the result. The final battle of the war may possibly be fought upon Northern territory, but it can have but one termination, and that a foregone conclusion. We have confidently believed all along and confidently expressed the belief that the capture of Chattanooga would be such a blow upon the head of the monster of the rebellion as a strong butchertrike with an axe upon the head of a bullock, and we are confirmed in the opinion now. And with our whole souls we do congratulate the loyal people of Tennessee, long the most suffering and oppressed people of modern times, that they are at length redeemed, gloriously redeemed, from infernal thraldom. Every loyal heart in the nation will rejoice in their joy, be glad in their gladness, exult in their exultation. It is true, deplorably true, that many of their good men, victims of the remorseless rebel despotism, are far away from their beloved soil, rendering a helpless service to the rebellion under duress of rebel bayonets; but they, in the righteous providence of God, will no doubt be soon restored to their homes and families.

We trust, not only that we have seen "the beginning of the end," but that we are seeing the middle of the end.

The Editor of the Democrat now seems inclined to slip out of his long affiliation with the Confederacy on the question of military arrests, and slip into affiliation with the conservatives. He is undoubtedly a very slippery politician. He in his paper of yesterday brands military arrests in States where does not exist as "a startling usurpation." Our neighbor has made very unshapely progress on this subject within the last three or four days, for in his paper of Sunday he asserted that the President had a "right" to make such arrests, and declared that "the point now before this country" was not the rightfulness but "the enormous abuse of this power of arrest." Here is what he said:

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Our neighbor's memory doesn't serve him in the present instance. So far from saying "nothing about" military arrests when they were made in States where did not exist, he pertinaciously defended the lawfulness of such arrests in opposition to us, asserting that Congress had "confounded" the President, in case of formidable rebellion against the law, the right to put it down,"

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